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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 547

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE LEGISLATURE TO THE BEREAVED FAMILY OF MRS. BETTY REED OF YAZOO CITY, MISSISSIPPI, AND COMMENDING HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE YAZOO CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY AND COMMUNITY LEADER.

WHEREAS, it is with sadness that we mourn the passing of Yazoo City Housing Industry and Community Leader Mrs. Betty Reed on January 9, 2019. Mrs. Betty Reed was born on December 31, 1961. A native of Yazoo City, she graduated from Yazoo City High School in 1979 and from Mississippi Valley State University in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reed was a pillar for the Yazoo Community and was well-known among the Housing and Urban Development
Organization. Betty was the Executive Director for the Yazoo City Housing Authority from 1985-2018. After retiring, she focused on her nonprofit organization, Gateway Community Development
Corporation, LLC. She was the CEO of Gateway and played an enormous part in developing affordable houses for new homeowners

in Yazoo City. Mrs. Betty Reed developed Robert Estates, which are family units where people can be homeowners; and

WHEREAS, as Executive Director of Yazoo City Housing
Authority, she was the first in the nation to obtain funding
through Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) to renovate Magnolia
Crossing in Yazoo City. The RAD program was the first in the
state with Mrs. Betty Reed. Before retiring from Yazoo City
Housing Authority, and even after retiring, she worked on securing
funding for a \$40 Million Dollar project through RAD to renovate
over 100 units for the citizens of Yazoo City. Betty received
outstanding audits from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development. She was well-known and respected in the housing
industry by many people; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute and cherish fondly the memory of this most public-spirited citizen of Mississippi whose enormous civic energy will be missed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby extend the condolences of the Mississippi Legislature to the bereaved family of Mrs. Betty Reed of Yazoo City, Mississippi, and commend her outstanding service as former Executive Director for the Yazoo City Housing Authority and Community Leader.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to the surviving family of Mrs. Betty Reed, forwarded to the Yazoo

City Housing Authority, and made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE February 1, 2019

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 5, 2019

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES